

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A punching apparatus, comprising:

a base for placing thereon an object to be punched;

a punching structure mounted over said base for digging into said object to create at least one hole;

a transmitting shaft coupled to said punching structure and rotated to actuate said punching structure to move between a punching position and a releasing position in response to first and second external forces, respectively;

a handle member attachable to and detachable from a first end and a second end of said transmitting shaft, and transmitting said punching structure to move between said punching position and said releasing position in response to said first and said second external forces exerted thereon, respectively;

a first positioning pin for penetrating a hole on ~~securing~~ said handle member ~~to said first end of~~ and a hole on said transmitting shaft in order to secure said handle member to a selected one of said first end and said second end of said transmitting shaft;

a stopper attachable to and detachable from a second end of said transmitting shaft for preventing said transmitting shaft from being dislocated, and

a second positioning pin for penetrating a hole on ~~securing~~ said stopper ~~to said second end of~~ and a hole on said transmitting shaft in order to secure said stopper to a selected one of said first end and said second end of said transmitting shaft;

wherein said stopper and said handle member being exchangeably disposed at said first and said second ends of said transmitting shaft.

7-10. (canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The punching apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said first and said second ends of said transmitting shaft are hexagonal posts, and said handle member and said stopper have respective hollow hexagonal ends for engaging with said first and said second hexagonal posts.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (original) The punching apparatus according to claim 6 further comprising a casing for sheltering said punching structure and said transmitting shaft.

14. (original) The punching apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said object is a stack of paper sheets.

15. (Previously Presented) The punching apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said first and said second external forces are exerted to pivot said handle member in different directions.

16-20. (Canceled)